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The Daily Press.

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The latest news from Peking is by no means reassuring. If the actual reply of the Chinese Government to the Russian Note correspond with the forecast telegraphed by our Peking correspondent, as well as by Reuters, there will be little prospect of an immediate settlement of the dispute. China admits what indeed cannot be questioned, that the Treaty of 1881 gives Russia certain extra-territorial rights in Mongolia, and the whole dispute appears to resolve itself into a question as to whether Russia is attempting to take an ell where she is entitled to only an inch. That being so, it cannot severely tax the ability of an arbitration tribunal to test the validity of Russia's demands. According to the forecast of China's reply, she will refer to the Treaty as "ambiguous." So far as the English translation allows us to judge, there appears to be little that is ambiguous. The real explanation of the trouble would appear to be, that since Russian aggression was effectually stopped in the Extreme East, the Empire-builders of Russia have concentrated their attention upon the development of rights long ago acquired in the region of Mongolia. Thirty years have past since the Treaty concerned in this dispute was concluded; yet the trouble appears to be of quite recent origin, and the inference is that Russia is now showing greater activity

in this region and taking advantage of long neglected Treaty rights. So far as the telegrams have disclosed Russia's demands, she has an unquestionable Treaty right to make them. The Treaty of 1881 gave to Russia extra-territorial rights of a far-reaching character, and now that Russia, after a lapse of thirty years, is beginning to exercise those rights, China has become alarmed and would like to see certain vague phrases in the Treaty interpreted to fit her present prejudices. For example, the Treaty gave to Russia the right to establish Consulates at a number of specified places "in proportion to the development of commerce, and after an understanding with the Chinese Government." Russia now says that the development of her commerce has been such as to warrant the establishment of Consulates at these places, but China holds an opposite view and refuses her consent. The Treaty makes no provision for a reference to a third party of any dispute which may arise in this connection, and it would probably be difficult for any third party to say what extent of commerce justifies the establishment of Consulates. In many of the Treaty ports of China there are Consuls representing European and American Powers whose commercial interests at the ports probably do not amount to a fraction of the value of Russian commerce in the towns in which she now claims to exercise an acquired right to establish Consulates. China's reply to the Russian letter offers no acceptable basis of settlement. If Russia is bent upon developing her interests in this region, it is absurd to suppose that she would be ready to consent to a revision of the Treaty along the lines of a reduction of acquired rights. That is really what China's proposal amounts to, and we may be quite sure it will receive no welcome from Russia. The news that orders have been issued for the mobilisation of Chinese troops in the North is ominous, if we may connect with it the reports which were reaching St. Petersburg last month of "alarms indications of warlike preparations on the part of China" in the regions of the Amur. The Russian Society of Far Eastern Affairs published a report on the subject, which the correspondent of a London paper says furnishes some remarkable reading. He writes:—"The general result of the investigations made would appear to be that there is reason to believe that China is actually engaged in preparing for a possible struggle with Russia. It is declared that among the hundreds of thousands of Chinese emigrants who pour into the Amur district there is a large number of trained spies, whose work is well-defined and carefully executed. Along the Amur banks the Chinese have erected a series of modern fortifications, manned by regular troops. The Committee recommend far more stringent regulations against the enormous influx of Chinese into the Amur region. The report has created a great impression in St. Petersburg." We have heard it said that there are in Chinese military circles men who harbour the delusion that the Army of China is capable of repeating against a European army the successes achieved by the Japanese in their war against the Russians, but we are not aware of any independent expert testimony which countenances such an idea. Delusions of this kind, we know, have carried China into wars before, and if all these reports of warlike preparations are well based, there is evidently much danger of a repetition of this folly.

Mr George Hogg has assumed charge of the Hongkong branch of the International Banking Corporation.
The Manila Carnival opens to-day. A considerable number of visitors have proceeded there from Hongkong.
H.M.S. Newcastle left Hongkong yesterday to meet at Colombo the submarines which are coming out to Hongkong.
The health return last week was very satisfactory. Only one case of enteric fever and three of small-pox were notified. One of the latter proved fatal.
It is believed that the man who was found suffocated in the strong room on board the S.S. Kwong Tung last week looked himself in that room in order to escape paying his passage to Canton.
The concert party of H. M. S. Nonmouth will give a concert at the Sailors and Soldiers Home in Arsenal Street on Thursday, starting at 8 p.m., the proceeds being in aid of the Home.
A daring robbery was committed on the steam launch Aggie as she was lying at Hung-hay on Saturday night. Only the engineer was in charge, and as he was reading below two men came aboard and held him up while they collected all his valuables and went off with them. Nothing belonging to the launch itself was taken.

Harmon's Circus, which was to have opened in Hongkong on Sunday night, is proceeding to Bangkok instead and will return here later.

The Mayor of Taal, the district devastated by the volcanic eruption a fortnight ago, has been suspended from his office for having opposed the transfer of the sufferers from the province to Mindoro.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., fined the master of a fishing boat \$50 for refusing to show his licence when requested by the police to do so. Two other fishermen, convicted of a similar offence, were fined \$15 each, and nine other defendants were dismissed.

The China Critic is informed that the amount of indemnity to be granted to the family of the late Dr. Messy is Tls. 10,000, payable in Chihli province. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has telegraphed to the Manchurian Viceroy that a similar amount may be paid to Dr. Jackson's family by his province.

The newly resumed negotiations with China referred to by Mr. McKinnon Wood in the House, as reported by telegram, are those mentioned in this paragraph in a Home paper:—"It has been announced this week from Peking that the negotiations on the opium trade between China and Great Britain have been resumed by the Chinese Government in deference to a desire to establish a new agreement between the two countries on the principle that Indian restriction shall keep pace with the Chinese efforts to reduce home cultivation of the drug, irrespective of the seven years' period still outstanding."

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

A native was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment with hard labour and four hours in the stocks for returning from banishment.

A Chinese was placed before Mr. Hallifax yesterday on a charge of having in his possession a part of a rifle and 490 rounds of ammunition, which were found in a false bottomed box belonging to him on the Shen Lee. He was fined \$100.

Three men were arrested on Saturday on suspicion of having been concerned in the armed robbery in Lee Yuen Street, West Point, on the 7th instant, when a girl was so frightened that she jumped over the verandah and received injuries which necessitated treatment in the hospital. They were not identified, and one of them who had a revolver in his possession was yesterday fined \$100.

An extraordinary occurrence was brought to the notice of Mr. Hallifax yesterday when a Chinese mendicant was charged not only with begging near the Stag Hotel but with offering a bribe of two dollars to a European policeman. When taken to the Police Station \$40 was found in his possession. He was fined \$5 for begging and \$100 for offering a bribe. When taken to the waiting-room the old man wanted to know if two dollars would settle the lot!

The maximum fine of \$2,000 was yesterday imposed on a Chinese who had been found with 760 bottles of cocaine in his possession. Accused with two other men was stopped by a Chinese revenue officer in Connaught Road, and when the officer asked the basket to be opened the two men declared that it was locked, but they would go to fetch the key. They went off, but did not return, and when the prisoner was taken to the Central Station and the basket opened it was found to contain cocaine. Mr. Trotman, superintendent of imports and exports, stated that the wholesale price of cocaine was \$5 an ounce.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council takes place on Thursday.
The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will move the following Resolution:—"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that a Clock Tower should be erected on the new Post Office according to the original design, with a suitable clock in it."

QUESTIONS.
The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne has given notice of the following questions:—
1. With reference to the answer given at the last meeting of this Council to my question concerning progress on the new Typhoon Refuge, will the Government cause to be laid on this table half-yearly statement of payments due to the contractor in the form suggested in my letter to the Colonial Secretary dated the 13th January?
2. Will the Government state (a) the number of cases of theft from ships and lighters in the Harbour reported to the Police during the year 1910, (b) the value (if known) of the goods stolen?
3. Will the Government cause enquiry to be made into the alleged prevalence of theft from ships and lighters in the Harbour and the best method of preventing injury to the Colony's trade from this cause?

The orders of the day are:—
First reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Harbour of Refuge Ordinance, 1909."
First reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to Intoxicating Liquors."
First reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance for the incorporation and regulation of the University of Hongkong."
First reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to introduce into the Criminal Law Ordinance of 1865 certain provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Acts of the United Kingdom of 1861, and for other purposes."
Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Lepers Ordinance, 1910."

Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Theatres (Licensing and Prevention) Ordinance, 1895, and to control balloonists and others who have special opportunities for obtaining information respecting the defence of the Colony."
Committee on the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Ordinance relating to Companies."
Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902."

Will not be proceeded with at this meeting.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE RUSSO-CHINESE RUPTURE.

CHINA'S REPLY.

PEKING, February 19th.

China replies to-morrow formally to Russia's six points.

It is understood that China does not admit the grounds of complaint as regards the alleged interference with tariff autonomy.

China admits:

- (1) Extra-territoriality.
- (2) The right of direct but not of indirect taxation.
- (3) The right to establish Russian Consulates when they are commercially warranted, which is not yet.
- (4) The right to acquire land and to erect buildings.

In conclusion, China adheres to the principles of the Treaty, but does not agree to its expansion, and remains conciliatory while profoundly regretting the sudden change in Russia's policy, which, the Note says, does not harmonise with the past friendly relations of the two Powers, who should welcome the revision of an ambiguous Treaty, especially in view of the material changes in Russian railway and other developments wrought since 1881.

[Butter sends a telegram in similar terms.]

[REUTERS SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

THE BAGDAD RAILWAY.

LONDON, February 20th.

It is understood in Constantinople that negotiations between the Government and the Bagdad Railway Co., with a view to the Company relinquishing their rights to the final section of the line from Bagdad to the coast, are well advanced.

THE FOLLIES.

Brighter and funnier than ever, was the verdict of the large house which enjoyed the change of programme submitted last night by this talented company of artistes. The music was of the same high standard as before, and the "business" was of that original and whimsical character which lends such a charm to the entertainments supplied by "The Follies."

The artistes have one and all established themselves in the good graces of the public and the appearance of each is heartily greeted while his or her performance is enthusiastically applauded and encored. Cissie Harcourt, who sang "Santo Fe," had to re-appear. Reginald Mountfield in his experiences with "Yankee Doodle" was very clever and had to come on the stage again and tell some of his funny stories, while Nellie Webber added to her popularity by a sweet rendering of "Hope on Hope over." Then came the amusing English glee said to be saved from the fire of London in 1745, followed by Clifton Yates' artistic singing of "The Jolly Old Cavalier." "Over the garden wall," a duet by Nellie Webber and Fred Daniels was greatly appreciated, as well as the acrobatic song, and Marie Mansfield in her impersonations of famous actors and actresses scored a distinct success. The Nicotine Quartettes in their effective settings formed a fine conclusion to the first part of the programme. The second was devoted to the burlesque of a pantomime, which was most mirth-provoking and kept the audience in roars of laughter from beginning to end.

The nuisance of so many people coming in late was particularly acute last night, and it is to be hoped that the nightly offenders will have some consideration for others and endeavour to amend their ways in this respect.

BRITISH WARSHIPS COMING EAST.

The Pelorus, cruiser, was docked at Portsmouth on the 26th ult. in preparation for her voyage to Hongkong with a new crew for the Merion, surveying vessel. She is to leave on February 21 for Malta, from which port she will tow one of the submarines to Hongkong.
The Bonaventure, cruiser, with the three submarines for the Far East, which has recently left Devonport, proceeded with them in company of the Diana, cruiser, as far as Malta.
The programme of movements of the Crescent, which left Portsmouth on February 3, with relief crews for the China Station, has been modified. Hongkong will be finally left on April 21, the vessel reaching Portsmouth with the relieved crews on June 10, instead of the 23rd.

Repeated assaults upon Indians have been committed by Filipinos in Manila in the mistaken belief that the Indians are child-stealers. The Celebnes-American states that the feeling between the two races is increasing in intensity.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

February 16th.

THE WINE MONOPOLY.
The new wine monopoly which has been granted to the Loang Kwok Chuen Company is causing a lot of trouble. To begin with, the wine guild think that they have been slighted in that the monopoly was not granted to them, and they have so stirred up the retailers that several notices have been stuck up on the walls that no wine is to be purchased. Certain it is, that for the past two days nothing but the ordinary rice fermented liquor (commonly known as "chia tau") has been procurable. Many shops where wine was formerly procurable have now ceased to supply this commodity, and the people are much angered thereby. Just now there are several things that are making the public dissatisfied. Rice is going up in price and so is firewood and oil. Now the squabble over wine is making the people sorer in heart than ever. The "man in the street" usually has the idea that the Chinese are a most abstemious people, drinking nothing but tea. Never was there a more mistaken notion, for the amount of native liquor consumed in this city daily is enormous. Anyone taking a walk through the city here will be astonished to count the number of coolies carrying jars of wine holding a gallon or more to be delivered at private houses. If a drunken Chinaman is rarely to be seen the cause is that he pays his devotion to Bacchus mostly in the sanctity of his own house.

THE GAMBLING QUESTION.
The Viceroy is reported to have memorialised the Throne to the effect that licensed gambling should be abolished on the date formerly fixed, namely, the first day of the 3rd moon; and that special powers should be given to him to put down with a firm hand the attempts of armed bandits and robbers against the public peace which he fears will follow as a natural result of the closing of the gambling houses. The public Press, while complimenting the Viceroy on his praise-worthy efforts, states that most of the people take to gambling owing to the pressure of cold and want of the common people. The Press further urges that it is the paramount duty of the Government to find work for the people by the establishment of factories for the furthering of native industries. While sympathising with the Press in no small degree for their demands, it is not to be denied that the bulk of the Chinese gamble simply for the sake of gambling. For the man who works many hours for a twenty cent piece (as is done in this city) and then risks the result of his day's labour, to the detriment of his wife and children, on the hazard of fa-tan-tan, scant pity can be felt, and the sooner the Government removes the facility for gambling the better for the nation.

NEWSPAPER SUPPRESSION.
Yesterday I reported the suppression by the police of the journal known as "Pin Man Po." Now it would appear that this action is not so much to do with the police as with the shareholders of the paper. It seems that dividends have not been regularly paid and that some holders of shares have had preference over others. Hence a lawsuit is imminent, and it is owing to these disputes that the police have taken the action as reported yesterday.

POLICE AFFAIRS.
It is one of the greatest evils in China that when a man is appointed to an office he immediately brings into co-operation with him a number of his family, who often work solely to their own advantage without a thought to public benefit. The newly appointed Police Tatol is a native of the Hunan Province, and has placed on the police staff a number of his fellow provincials who have not the slightest knowledge of police conditions here nor sympathy with the Cantonese. To the honour of the Viceroy, he it said that he has ordered the immediate removal of these satellites and the appointment of graduates of the Police College in their stead.

RETURNED STUDENTS.
There are now in Canton a very large number of students who have pursued their studies abroad, and these are now seeking to establish a club or guild to further their interests. Already a large number have handed in their names, and promises have been made near the Chat Gate as the headquarters of the club.

CLEANING THE STREETS.
It is a pleasing fact that the Cantonese are taking an increasing interest in the science of hygiene. As a matter of fact, the word "hygiene" is becoming a kind of shibboleth on the lips of the student class, and of this there cannot be too much, for if ever there was an insanitary city on earth Canton is the one. The new Police Tatol has observed that though hygiene is now by no means an unknown science many of the streets are as filthy as ever, and he proposes, after issuing warning notices, to compel each street found wanting in cleanliness to pay a sum of money into the police treasury. This is doubtless a good measure, for nothing appeals to the Cantonese like an attack on their pockets, and it is to be hoped that the new crusade against uncleanness will result in a greatly decreased number of cases of plague this spring.

LIXIN.
Acting on advice from the Minister of Finance, the Viceroy has appointed a special officer to make a tour of the various likin stations of the province and to report on the conduct, ability and probity of the officers in charge. Those found faithful are to be rewarded, while those found guilty of peculation (and if report be true their name is legion) will be subjected to severe punishment.

NOT A BAD RECORD.

While a case was being heard at the Supreme Court yesterday the Chief Justice asked—
Have you got 16 cases, Mr. Attorney?
The Attorney-General—Yes, but most of them are very short.
His Lordship—That is not bad for one month.
The Attorney-General—It celebrates the Chinese new year, I suppose. (Laughter.)

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 20th February.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PRIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

A RESPITE REFUSED.

The case was mentioned in which Ko Cho Po stands charged with offences against section 4 of Ordinance 7 of 1909, and section 75 of Ordinance 5 of 1865.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster informed His Lordship that Sir Henry Berkeley was appearing for the defence, and he (the speaker) was applying on his behalf that the case should go over to the next Sessions on various grounds. An affidavit had been filed by Mr. Shenton which stated that the prisoner desired to call in his defence two witnesses who were at present in Canton. They had been sent for, but he did not think they could come down in time for this Sessions. The depositions were only handed to the solicitors of the defendant on the 17th instant, and they had not had time to instruct Sir Henry Berkeley, and the indictment was only filed that morning on, he understood, totally different charges.

His Lordship—Have you any objection, Mr. Attorney?

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davis, K.C.)—Yes, I don't think this is a case which your Lordship should respite to the next Sessions. My learned friend has been mistaken. The position I understand to be this. The prisoner was committed for trial as far back as the 19th January last. There has been a change of solicitors in the meantime, and it is really the change of solicitors that is the cause of the present application. As regards the two witnesses in Canton, the prisoner was committed on January 19th, so there has been ample time to get them here.

His Lordship—I must ignore that altogether. The Attorney-General—As regards the question of depositions, the solicitors could have got them long before.

His Lordship—I don't agree with you there. I think the depositions should have been sent at once.

The Attorney-General—As regards the indictment, as a matter of fact the prisoner was committed by the Magistrate on a charge of false pretences and on a charge of misappropriation of funds. The false pretence charge has been dropped and the other proceeded with, so that the defence is perfectly familiar with all the facts. I don't wish to put forward any undue objection to Sir Henry Berkeley's application, but I think he will have ample time by the end of the week to consult his client.

His Lordship—What day do you wish?

The Attorney-General—I should say Monday.

His Lordship—That upsets everything.

The Attorney-General—I think your Lordship could safely say Friday.

His Lordship—How long will this case take?

Mr. Alabaster—I am instructed it will take two days at least.

His Lordship—I don't see why I shouldn't fix Thursday. Yes, it must come on on Thursday at 10.30 a.m.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

Leung Ho Chuen was indicted on three counts of forgery, and three counts of embezzlement. Prisoner pleaded not guilty on the charges of forgery, and guilty on the embezzlement counts.

The Attorney-General, who was instructed by Mr. H. L. Denny, from the office of the Crown Solicitor, said he was prepared to accept that plea. The accused pleaded guilty on each of the charges of embezzlement, but not guilty to the forging. That was the position he had taken up throughout, and the Attorney-General was prepared to accept the plea. He did not know whether his Lordship would like to read the depositions.

His Lordship—Yes, I will read them through and the prisoner can come up for sentence to-morrow.

The Attorney-General—I would draw your Lordship's attention to the fact that the prisoner has throughout admitted embezzling money to the extent of \$10,000.

His Lordship—Well, he will come up for sentence to-morrow.

KIDNAPPING.

Tee Ngah was indicted on a charge of kidnapping. Prisoner, in pleading not guilty, stated that he took the child out to drink tea.

The following gentlemen were sworn in as jurors:—Messrs. J. W. Taylor (foreman), W. L. Weaver, J. M. Wong, W. H. L. Warrenner, J. H. Underwood, G. Rowan and W. Nicholson.

The Attorney-General informed the Court and jury that this was one of the very numerous cases of kidnapping which were so rife in the Colony at present. The prisoner was charged with taking away a five-year-old boy from the possession of his mother with intent to deprive her of the ownership of the child. Accused lodged at No. 8, Second Street, in the same house as the mother of the child. The mother would say that at 12.30 p.m. on the afternoon of January 10th the prisoner told her that he was going to take the child out to tea. After being away for some time, as the prisoner did not return, the mother got anxious and sent her sister-in-law to look for the child. The sister-in-law proceeded to the Maeso boat and found the prisoner on board with the child. The prisoner showed her where the child was sitting eating peanuts and cakes, which had presumably been supplied by the prisoner. The sister-in-law took charge of the child, and gave the prisoner into custody.

After hearing the evidence the jury, without retiring, brought in a unanimous verdict of guilty, and his Lordship sentenced the prisoner to four years' imprisonment with hard labour.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

Ng Sam was arraigned on a charge of attempted robbery.

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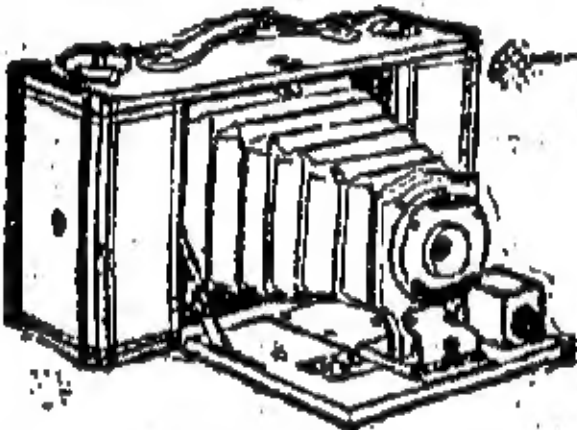


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THE SHANGHAI PERJURY
CHARGE.FURTHER EXAMINATION OF
THE ACCUSED.

Continuing the report of the hearing of the charge brought at Shanghai against Isaac Raymond Michael, we make the following extracts from the proceedings on the 15th inst.—

Witness said he was unable to produce one contract with Somekh and one with Kadoorie. Mr. Oppé (prosecuting solicitor)—You have made a complaint that the Stock Exchange asked you to sign a bankruptcy notice against Carmichael?—Yes.

Mr. Oppé—Now were not you asked by the Cathay Trust to sign that notice?—The Exchange and the Cathay Trust.

Mr. Oppé—When you were asked first by the Cathay Trust, didn't you say that if the Stock Exchange asked you you would reply?—I said I was an agent for the committee.

Mr. Oppé—The committee asked you and you said that if they would withdraw your suspension you would consider the matter?—Yes.

Mr. Oppé—And that is how the Stock Exchange came into the matter?—No. I wanted to know about my suspension.

Mr. Oppé—You wanted to make a bargain?—Bargain, no. They suspended me without any reason. The committee, without consulting the members, went into the room and in less than half an hour handed me my suspension.

Mr. Oppé—Don't you know you were asked to produce your books to the committee and you refused to do so?—Seven of us refused. One party—I don't want to mention his name, he is in the employ of the committee—gave up his books, but refused to hand over their books.

Mr. Douglas (the re-examination)—Did other members of the Exchange make losses in March?—Yes, heavy losses.

Mr. Douglas—As heavy as yours?—That I cannot tell, but they were losses.

Mr. Douglas—They are still in the Exchange, are they not?—Yes.

Mr. Douglas—And some people made heavy losses for June?—Yes, very heavy, too.

Mr. Douglas—And they are still in the Exchange?—Yes.

Mr. Douglas—And made losses in September, too?—Yes, they are all insolvent, the Exchange is insolvent. By my action they were afraid I would report them to Hongkong under the Hongkong Ordinances for the way they had deceived the Government. They only had power to borrow a few hundred or thousand tens for the building, and they immediately became bankrupt by borrowing a million and a half, and saddled seven of us with this mill-stone around our necks.

Mr. Douglas—Do I understand from your evidence that you feel that in being saddled with this debt it was not what you intended and not what you meant?—No, I didn't mean it.

Mr. Douglas—It was not your intention to be saddled with any legal debts to the extent of four lakhs?—No, it is slavery.

Mr. Douglas—You were cross-examined as to your ability to remember whether you received orders to buy before you bought 1,000 Anglo-Japan?—It is possible to remember which order you received first, the buying or the selling order?—I cannot really tell you.

His Worship—Can you explain how Mr. Somekh's name was left out of the settlement schedule?—It was on the 28th June, in the evening. There was a rush. They gave us half an hour to bring our schedule to arrive at the deficiency in order to meet the settlement. We were rushed very quickly. Everyone of us went to his office to bring the schedule. My clerk, as I say, was new to the business—I had employed him only three months—he was working at it and I trusted him. Someone telephoned to ask me about the settlement, why it was postponed. We hurried and gave them the schedule and they arrived at the deficiency. The next morning it came to my mind that I had not put in four names. The first was Mr. Somekh's, and I wrote his name in ink and the others in pencil. I had to give Mr. Tabbar, Tls. 556. The other two, whose names I need not mention, owed me money from December, 1909. I financed them and they gave me a promissory note for March. In March they could not pay, and I renewed their promissory note till June, so in duty bound I said, "What I have got, let them have it all."

His Worship—Your clerk made up that account on the 28th? Did you check it the next morning right through with your books?—No, my clerk was not there. I had to make it up to the Exchange to do the settlement on the 29th.

His Worship—What called your attention to Somekh's account?—Because I didn't want to forget it.

His Worship—With regard to the 200 Ayer Tawahs at 27. You say you thought you bought from Kadoorie at 25?—Yes.

His Worship—Then why did you sell to Carmichael at 27?—Because Kadoorie gave me a contract for 27. The matter was still in dispute.

His Worship—But you were Carmichael's broker?—Yes.

His Worship—Then why should you make terms with Kadoorie and not think about your client?—I did think about my client. I tried very hard with Kadoorie.

His Worship—Did you mention it to Carmichael?—No, he gave me a carte blanche. If I had mentioned the dispute to Carmichael and then called on him for 27 I could not have got it.

His Worship—You didn't seem to realise that Carmichael was your client. You should have protected his interests—I have done all I could under the circumstances to protect him.

His Worship—And you didn't give this information upstairs?—No, I thought my lawyer would ask me for an explanation.

Mr. Oppé—They did ask for an explanation, and you said it was a clerical error.

Mr. Douglas said he proposed to call Mr. Jones and Mr. Somekh, and to ask a few questions of Mr. Read, the prosecutor. Mr. Kadoorie, he understood, was not here (in Shanghai).

THE PORTUGUESE ROYAL FAMILY

KING MANOEL'S POSITION.

With reference to the declaration of the Portuguese Minister for Foreign Affairs concerning the "toleration and generosity" displayed by the Republic towards the Royal Family, Reuter's Agency is rightly stating, on the highest Portuguese authority, that Queen Maria Pia's dowry was settled in an Act approved by the Portuguese and Italian Chambers before her Majesty's marriage with the late King Dom Luiz, and is an international agreement binding upon whatever Government may be in power in Lisbon.

As to King Manoel, his Majesty has so far received no sums except those derived from the estates of the House of Braganza, which constitute his personal property, and there can therefore be no question of any display of "toleration and generosity" by the Republic Government. With regard to the future, King Manoel has never abdicated his right to the Crown of Portugal, and he is determined always to maintain them even if he were arbitrarily deprived of property which is undeniably his by law.

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(BRITISH SECTION.)

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DOWN TRAINS.						UP TRAINS.					
NAME OF STATION.	WEEK DAYS.		SUNDAYS.		NAME OF STATION.	WEEK DAYS.		SUNDAYS.			
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KOWLOON — Dept.	8.00 A.M.	2.30 P.M.	10.00 A.M.	3.00 P.M.	LOWU — Dept.	9.30 A.M.	4.15 P.M.	11.30 A.M.	5.00 P.M.		
HUNG HOM — Arr.	8.4	2.34	10.4	3.4	FAN LING — Arr.	9.36	4.21	11.36	5.6		
— Dept.	8.5	2.35	10.5	3.5	— Dept.	9.37	4.22	11.37	5.7		
YAU MATI — Arr.	8.9	2.39	10.9	3.9	TAIPO M. — Arr.	9.46	4.31	11.46	5.16		
— Dept.	8.11	2.41	10.11	3.11	— Dept.	9.49	4.35	11.48	5.18		
SHATIN — Arr.	8.22	2.52	10.22	3.22	TAIPO — Arr.	9.53	4.39	11.52	5.22		
— Dept.	8.23	2.53	10.23	3.23	— Dept.	10.00	4.46	12.00	5.30		
TAIPO — Arr.	8.36	3.6	10.36	3.36	SHATIN — Arr.	10.13	4.59	12.13 P.M.	5.43		
— Dept.	8.40	3.10	10.40	3.40	— Dept.	10.14	5.00	12.14	5.44		
TAIPO M. — Arr.	8.44	3.14	10.44	3.44	YAU MATI — Arr.	10.25	5.11	12.25	5.55		
— Dept.	8.50	3.18	10.45	3.45	— Dept.	10.27	5.13	12.27	5.57		
FAN LING — Arr.	9.1	3.29	10.56	3.56	HUNG HOM — Arr.	10.31	5.17	12.31	6.1		
— Dept.	9.2	3.30	10.57	3.57	— Dept.	10.32	5.18	12.32	6.2		
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KAISER ON TEMPERANCE.

BRITISH FLEET'S EXAMPLE.

A Berlin temperance organ circulates the following as the text of that part of the Emperor's speech to the Marwick naval cadets which dealt with the liquor question:

"One more piece of advice I will give you on your way, on a question the importance of which for my people lies very close to my heart. It is the question of alcohol and drinking. I know quite well that pleasure in drinking is an old inheritance of the Germanic people. Nevertheless, we must by self-discipline free ourselves in every respect from this evil. I can assure you that in my twenty-two years of government it has been my experience that a great number of crimes which were laid before me for decision were to be nine-tenths ascribed to the consequences of alcohol. In former days it was reckoned among young men, particularly smart and dashing, to be able to drink and carry a large quantity. As a young officer I had an opportunity of seeing examples of this, though I never followed them. Those are obsolete views which were all very well for the Thirty Years War, but don't do to-day. Quite apart from the consequences which I need not further dwell upon, I should like specially to draw your attention to one point which concerns your future career. As you will notice yourselves, in the course of your term on board, service in my fleet has attained a degree of intensity which can hardly be exceeded. It is your task to go through these prodigious efforts in time of peace without getting used up in order that you may be fresh in case of serious events. The next war and the next naval battle will demand sound nerves on your part. They will be decided by nerves. But these are undermined and endangered from youth upwards by indulgence in alcohol.

Later you will have an opportunity of seeing the target ships and the effect of modern projectiles upon them, and you will be able to picture to yourselves the conditions of battle. You will see many different visions of appalling devastation. There the cry will be for firm nerves and a cool head. The nation which takes the smallest quantity of alcohol will win. And that must be you gentlemen. And by you an example should be given to the crew. That has most effect on the men. And, consequently, I expect from you that, here in the Naval School or on board ship, while keeping up comradeship and friendship, you will remember this among yourselves, and that care will be taken that the drinking of alcohol is not regarded as belonging to your privileges.

In my navy are either in course of formation or already formed the Good Templar lodges and Blue Cross associations. I hope that you will do all you can to persuade the men to join these. And I only need to point to the model example of the English navy, where 20,000 officers and men have already joined, to the great advantage of the fleet. It is one of the questions of the future for our navy and for our nation. If you educate the people to do without alcohol I shall get healthy and sensible subjects. It is a great question of the future, for by the time-expired men the idea will be carried into the country. If you promote these principles my people will be morally elevated. That is a work in which I should like to ask you to take a share."

This is the one question on which the Emperor and the Socialists are both pulling in the same direction. The motive, however, are different. While the sovereign is thinking of the efficiency of his fleet in some great naval battle of the future, those who advocate the abolition of his office are inspired chiefly by a desire to injure the pockets of the spirit-distilling Junkers, though there are also, it must be admitted, many of them who wish to educate the artisan population to sober self-respect.

DR. MORRISON ON CHINA.

The London Magazine for February contains an interview with Dr. G. E. Morrison, of Peking, who is now in London. Dr. Morrison spoke with emphasis of the great changes that are taking place in China. "The 'Westernization' of this great people," he said, "cannot but affect the whole world." But he believed the effect would be for good. "New China comes, not as a menace to the West, but as a peaceful participant in world progress." In the course of the interview Dr. Morrison dwelt on the striking contrast between the Peking of to-day and the Peking of ten years ago. He described the services rendered by the railways not only in opening up the country and in breaking down the prejudice against foreigners, but in strengthening the Central Government and in creating a new national feeling. He was confident that the coming of constitutional government would make for administrative reform. "Corruption cannot continue unchecked when exposed to the light of publicity." He had no doubt of the sincerity of the Chinese Government in its desire to suppress the cultivation of the poppy and to stamp out the opium evil, and had nothing but good to say of the missionaries. Dr. Morrison, who gave many interesting details of the progress of the reform movement as shown in the work of the Provincial Assemblies, the creation of the new army, and in other ways, was confident that China in these critical years would not look in vain to England for sympathy and encouragement.

AFFAIRS IN PORTUGAL.

NO WAY TO GOVERN.

A Pyrrhic victory, says the Daily Mail, has been won by the forces—if they may be called "forces"—of law and order in Portugal. The railway strike has come to an end. The railway strike, however, has not come to an end because those who defied unjustifiably the convenience and necessity of the country have been brought to reason by some stern authority. The railway strike has come to an end—at all events, to a partial end—because the employers have surrendered to the strikers. The men have not been starved or awed into submission or fair compromise. Their extravagant demands have been granted. And so tranquility has been restored to the swaying Republic of Portugal.

This surrender to the strikers is ominous enough. But it is not the whole of the story. Discouraged by the easy triumph of the malcontents, and delighted, we may assume, by the kind and genial assurances of their "friend and comrade," the Minister of the Interior in the Cabinet of postmasters and professors, other workers are being bitten by this happy notion of striking. The example of Paris is being followed in Lisbon, where the gas and electric light workers have "come out." The cork industry is threatened with paralysis. A general strike is being spoken of with much manifold and hearty enthusiasm. Those are, of course, the first fruits of that masterpiece of republican legislation, the right to strike, and the inevitable consequences of the unopposed return of the railwaymen to such employment—as seems good to them. More significant, perhaps, is the attitude of the public. That attitude seems to have been based on the attitude of the Government. Exasperated by the results of the railway strike, the public showed all the symptoms of turning "nasty," and it seemed evident that a wholesome cold douche of public disapproval would be thrown on the strikers. No sooner, however, was the victory of the strikers won than it was checked to the echo by those who had shown all the signs of a bitter hostility to this anarchical cause.

Like Government, like people. Portugal is in ferment, and there is nowhere any settled will or any power to enforce it. The issue, of course, the issue of a change of names, but not of spirit, in the Government of a country which, distracted by corruption and incompetence, hoped in the exchange of monarchy for republic to find a new heaven on an old earth. The Government do not know where to turn. The people do not know where to turn. Portugal is being dissolved in the mists of indecision. One thing alone seems sure, and that is chaos. By the surrender which has "saved the situation" these well-meaning but impotent Ministers have brewed new trouble for themselves and for the country. They have encouraged an epidemic of strikes. They have undermined the already tottering sense of law and order—and the worst of their troubles are still ahead of them. It is impossible to believe that any progress can be made on these flabby lines. But if Portugal were to sink into a condition of entirely disordered chaos it would be impossible for civilised Europe to tolerate a neighbour in so woful a state. The sands are running out for Sanhor Braga and his friends. No ill is wished to them by others. They may have no enemies but themselves. Yet they have very formidable foes.

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VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE	AWA MARU Capt. S. Ishikawa INABA MARU Capt. K. Kawara	7,000 7,000	TUESDAY, 28th Feb., at Noon TUESDAY, 28th March, at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANG- HAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKO- HAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	5,000 6,000	FRIDAY, 17th Mar., at Noon FRIDAY, 14th April, at Noon
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HIRANO	9000	24th "	2nd Class S	Y	360.00
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TANGO	9000	24th April	1st Class S	Y	500.00
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AWA MARU	7000	28th Feb.	1st Class S	Y	230
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INABA	7000	28th Mar.	2nd Class S	Y	221
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EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

February 20th.

ON LONDON:—		February 20th.
	Telegraphic Transfer	1/9 1/2
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/9 1/2
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/9 1/2
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
	Credit, at 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
	Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	9 1/2
ON PARIS:—	Bank Bills, on demand	224
	Credit, at 4 months' sight	228
ON GERMANY:—	On demand	181 1/2
ON NEW YORK:—	Bank Bills, on demand	43 1/2
	Credit, at 60 days' sight	44 1/2
ON BOMBAY:—	Telegraphic Transfer	132
	Bank, on demand	132 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:—	Telegraphic Transfer	132
	Bank, on demand	132 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:—	Bank, at sight	74 1/2
	Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:—	On demand	37
ON MANILA:—	On demand—Posos	37
ON SINGAPORE:—	On demand	75 1/2
ON BATAVIA:—	On demand	106 1/2
ON HAIPHONG:—	On demand	1 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON:—	On demand	1 1/2 p.m.
ON BANGKOK:—	On demand	86 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate		\$11.25
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola		\$57.90
SILVER, per oz.		24 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$8.60 discount
Chinese	10	\$8.95
Hongkong	20	\$8.54
Hongkong	10	\$8.78

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 21st, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$905, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	27	26	\$80, buyers
Bank of Communications, Limited	8,604	12 1/2	12 1/2	\$8, sellers
China Bank, Limited	60,000	112	112	\$104, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	10	10	\$5 cts. buyers
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	10	10	\$7.
COGNATE MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 85.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	10	10	\$5, sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 51.
Loon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 59.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	10,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 23.
DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED	40,000	7 1/2	6	\$18, buyers
DOCK AND WHARF.				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$52 1/2, buyers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$55.
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	6 1/2	6 1/2	\$5.
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 67.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100.
Farwick & Co., Limited	18,000	25	25	\$5, buyers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	10	10	\$305.
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	10	10	\$22, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	10	10	\$55.
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	55	\$64.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	25	25	\$170.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	10	10	\$18, x d.
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	10	10	\$7.
INSURANCE.				
Carson Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	50	\$172 1/2, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	100	100	\$121 1/2, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$33.33	25	\$27 1/2.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	50	\$355, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	215	25	Tls. 151.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	100	\$825, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	100	60	\$205, sales
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	100	100	\$96.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	10	10	\$6 1/2, x div. buy.
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	50	30	\$34, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 97, x div.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	50	50	\$45.
MINING.				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$700.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	10	10	\$3.
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	10	all	\$13.
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	10	10	\$11.
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	100	all	\$110, sellers
Leeson Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	100	all	\$16.
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	50	50	\$50.
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	25	25	\$94, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	all	\$19.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	15	10	\$31, sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	25	all	\$8, sal. {L'dou
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	21	21	\$8 1/2, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	10	10	\$12.
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	10	10	\$12, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	25	25	\$5.
STOCKS AND DISCOUNTS.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	10	all	\$10, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	10	10	\$7 1/2.
Watkins, Limited	10,000	10	10	\$3, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	10	10	\$6 1/2, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	10	10	\$12, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	10	10	\$113, sellers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	10	10	\$500.
RUBBER.				
Para Rubber in London				6/5 per lb.

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1885	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.
			BERNARD & SMYTH, Share-Brokers.	

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 21st to 27th, 1911.

Days of Week.	Days of Month.	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		H'kong Mean Time.	Height.	H'kong Mean Time.	Height.
Tues.	21	h. a. m.	ft. in.	h. m. a. m.	ft. in.
		2 34	3 9	7 37	3 2
Wed	22	3 11	5 5	11 24	3 1
		5 24	3 6	7 59	3 5
Thurs.	23	4 13	5 6		
		5 13	5 9	0 24	2 7
		no inferior high	nor low water.		
Fri.	24	6 54	5 9	1 9	2 2
		no inferior high	nor low water.		
Sat.	25	9 10	4 1	1 46	1 7
		6 48	6 5	0 14	3 9
Sun.	26	9 23	4 2	2 20	1 3
		7 29	6 9	1 10	3 7
Mon.	27	9 37	4 4	2 52	0 9
		8 9	7 2	1 56	3 4

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 21st.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.31	30.42	30.27
Temperature	60	62	59
Humidity	66	49	64
Wind Direction	ESE	NE	E
Force	2	1	3
Weather	o	b	b
Rain	—	—	—
Highest open air Temperature on 19th.	63		
Lowest open air Temperature on 19th	56		

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TO-DAY
11 A.M.—Auction of Cotton at Godown No. 18 of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, by Mr G. P. Lammert.
Noon—Eighty-Ninth Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of H.K. C. M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.
9.15 P.M.—Henry Dallas Theatre, at Theatre Royal.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.
Thursday, 23rd Feb.—Auction of Jewellery, &c. at The Victoria Hotel, Shamoon, Canton, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 P.M.
Saturday, 25th Feb.—Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at City Hall, Noon.
Saturday, 25th Feb.—Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., 12.30 P.M.

Monday, 27th Feb.—Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Noon.
Tuesday, 28th Feb.—The Thirtieth Ordinary Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., Noon.
Wednesday and Thursday, 1st and 2nd March—Annual Show of Hongkong Horticultural Society, in the Botanic Gardens.

Saturday, 4th March—Twenty-fourth Meeting of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the Office of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 P.M.

OPPIUM.
Quotations are:—
January 20th.

Malwa New \$2,500/2,530 per picul.
Malwa Old \$2,540/2,580 "
Malwa V. Old \$2,570/2,580 "
Persian fine quality \$1,400/1,500 "
Persian extra fine \$2,000 "
Patna New \$2,675 per chest
Patna Old \$2,650 "
Benares New \$2,620 "
Benares Old "

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